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**PATENT**

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

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Group Art Unit: 1654

Examiner: Jeffrey E. Russel

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980.00 REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
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Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), Applicants petition for an extension of time of three months to and including November 15, 2004 (since November 13 was a Saturday), in which to respond to the Office Action dated May 13, 2004.

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.17, a check in the amount of \$1302.00 is enclosed, which includes the process fee for a three month extension of time.

If the check is inadvertently omitted, or should any additional fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 to 1.21 be required for any reason relating to the enclosed materials, or should an

overpayment be included herein, the Director is authorized to deduct or credit said fees from or to Williams, Morgan & Amerson, P.C. Deposit Account No. 50-0786/2103.013900.

Respectfully submitted,

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Date: November 15, 2004



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